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## PALATKA TOURISTS ORGANIZE A CLUB

For Social Purposes — At Well-Attended Meeting.

A goodly number of the winter visitors who make Palatka their home met pursuant to call in the rooms of the board of trade last Saturday afternoon and organized the "Tourist's Social Club of Palatka."

For an initial movement the meeting was well attended, some sixteen states being represented.

The idea of the club is to get together at stated intervals and become better acquainted and arrange for special social events. The club wants the people of Palatka to co-operate with it to the end that the advantages of the city as a winter resort may be better advertised.

Dr. E. C. Skinner of Cleveland, O., was elected president, and Col. S. A. Parshley of Carthage, Mo., was elected secretary.

On Tuesday afternoon another meeting of the club was held and an interesting hour was spent in discussing live topics of the day. At this meeting Mr. C. D. Brown of Manlius, N. Y., was elected Tourist Mayor of Palatka. The initiative, referendum and recall was adopted into the plans of the organization, so as to make the recall of officers possible in event any of them went wrong. Mr. Brown is so popular with the members that he is in no immediate danger of the recall.

Visitors were present from the following states who registered: Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Alabama, Maine, Ohio, Colorado, District of Columbia, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. New York had the largest delegation.

The club is arranging for a Quoit Court, where the idle rich members can get together on nice days and pitch quoits, with horse shoes.

### The County Commissioners.

The meeting of the county commissioners this month has been a busy one. Besides the regular routine there has been the arrangement for the sale of bonds for the road and drainage districts already established. This is an important matter, requiring care.

The board appointed Dr. Johnson of this city, Mr. S. S. Browning of East Palatka and S. W. Rowley of San Mateo, a board of bond trustees to look after the bonds of the new Palatka-East Palatka road district, recently formed. These are all excellent men and show that the board was moved only by a desire to place the most capable men in charge of this responsible trust.

Drs. Welch & Johnson were appointed county physicians, they being the lowest bidders. They are to receive \$125 per annum for attending the prisoners at the jail and the inmates of the poor farm. J. H. Haughton was given the contract for furnishing medicines at 25 cents per prescription, the same not to include proprietary medicines.

Julian de Nazario was appointed county enumerator.

The board will meet in special session next Friday, March 17th, (St. Patrick's Day) in the morning, to canvass the returns in the Rodman road election.

### A Notable Achievement.

It is only natural that the people of St. Johns county should feel elated over the completion of the greatest and most important undertaking in the history of this mother county of Florida. The completion of a brick highway from the Duval county line to a point within four miles of the Volusia county line is an event of more than ordinary importance. In fact it is so important that some sort of a public celebration is to be held when the necessary details can be worked out. But while this is being done, the inhabitants of the county and those who come within our domain will be able to enjoy the benefits of one of the greatest aids to civilization, a good road. The approximate distance followed by the county highway from the Duval line to the Volusia line is seventy miles. Of this total mileage there are sixty-four of brick paving, about two miles through St. Augustine and Hastings and four miles of shell at the far southern end. Some day this four miles will have to be paved because Volusia will meet St. Johns with a brick highway and it will not do to allow any gaps. Then there is another mile from the town of Hastings to the Putnam county line at which point Putnam will soon begin the construction of a brick roadway into East Palatka and to San Mateo. The new highway is St. Johns county's contribution to the Dixie, the Montreal to Miami or any other highway that finds its way from the frozen north to the eastern section of Florida. The cost is more than half a million dollars; it looks as though St. Johns has been fortunate in securing a good job and that the investment of this large amount of money in such a public improvement is wise and well warranted.—St. Augustine Record.

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## PETE HAGAN THROWS UP U. S. MARSHALSHIP

To Make Race for Sheriff — Had It in Palm of Hands.

In an interview in last Saturday's Jacksonville Metropolitan, Hon. Hayes Lewis, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, told of the sacrifice made by P. M. Hagan of this city, whom Mr. Lewis said "had the marshalship in the hollow of his hands, but who voluntarily gave it up in order to run for Sheriff of Putnam, his home county." Mr. Hagan is a deputy in the collector's office with Putnam and several other counties in this part of the State as his special territory. Mr. Lewis said:

When Mr. Brown first talked of resigning the marshalship, both Senator Fletcher and Senator Bryan endorsed a member of my force to fill this position. I speak of P. M. Hagan, who has been my field deputy collector over the first division for some time past. Mr. Hagan's name was presented to the Attorney General and his record and fitness for this position was thoroughly investigated and found by the department satisfactory in every way. Mr. Hagan would now have been marshal had he not voluntarily withdrawn his name from consideration by the Senators and the Attorney General.

Mr. Hagan had reasons for withdrawing, one of which was that he had already made up his mind to run for Sheriff of this county.

The News published these facts at the time when Mr. Hagan showed us the letters he had received from Senator Fletcher, and urging him not to withdraw. One of Mr. Hagan's other reasons was the fact that he hoped at that time that his old friend Brown would reconsider his resignation and continue in the marshalship, as he thought likely he might.

It isn't often that a man will withdraw from a sure thing to run for office, but it seems that Mr. Hagan had already begun a canvass for the office of Sheriff and to withdraw would have been a disappointment to his friends.

### Mr. Tilghman Announces.

Hon. Wm. G. Tilghman of this city has followed Hon. Henry S. McKenzie also of Palatka, as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature.

Mr. Tilghman served in the last session, and we believe that in his every action did what he thought for the right. He is a high-minded Christian gentleman, and in many things an enthusiast. He desires a re-nomination and has many friends who will help him to secure it.

### Wm. C. Quick Dies Suddenly.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Quick of Malvern, Pa., were pained and shocked on Monday night to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Quick that night at his home in Malvern, Pa., of heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Quick spent last season here, guests at the Putnam House. Mrs. Quick, who as Mrs. Henry S. Wilson was a former social leader in Palatka, where she resided for a number of years, is still a very popular lady here, and great sympathy is felt for her in this bereavement in all circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Quick had only recently completed the erection of a beautiful home at Malvern, an historic place, once said to have been the home of William Penn. They had just gotten settled in their new home, and were making ready to welcome their son, Mr. Edwin Wilson and his bride, who were to have been married the day following Mr. Quick's death.

There are no particulars here obtainable except what was contained in a brief telegram to Ex-Mayor F. H. Wilson, of this city, a nephew of Mrs. Quick.

But Palatka hearts know enough to touch them to the deepest sympathy for the kindly little woman who is all in all in this city.

### Hon. John G. Woolley Coming.

Hon. John G. Woolley, one of the colossal figures of the temperance reform, and without doubt the most eloquent platform orator of the day, will speak at the Baptist church in this city on Monday evening, the 20th inst.

Possibly no man has been a larger factor in arousing the civic conscience of the nation and in preparing public sentiment for the launching of the national prohibition campaign now on.

Prof. Wm. C. Wilkinson of Chicago University says of Mr. Woolley:

"Here is a man who has chosen nobly, wisely, disinterestedly, nay, to his own loss perhaps, in bringing his splendid intellectual powers and laying them, all, unreservedly upon the altar of this sacrifice. Wendell Phillips did not more purely dedicate himself to the cause of anti-slavery than has John G. Woolley dedicated himself to the cause of Prohibition. Anti-slavery was a great human need, but Prohibition is a human need greater, rather than less great, and Prohibition has found in John G. Woolley a champion, not less great, greater rather, than Wendell Phillips. Woolley is quite as brilliant as Phillips, I think more brilliant, his conviction is as intense, he is as convincing, and far more persuasive, since for the most part free, as Phillips never was, from acrid personality, and he has an occasional play of saving humor which Phillips seemed to lack capacity of."

## MAYOR MERRIAM'S RENOMINATION LIKELY

At Tonight's City Democratic Convention — Aldermen Named.

The city democratic convention for the purpose of naming a candidate for mayor will be held tonight at the Council Chamber.

That Mayor Merriam will be nominated is more than likely, unless some other candidate bobs up during the day and wants the place more than does the present Mayor. Mr. Merriam stated to The News that he was not a candidate in the sense that he would seek the office. If he gets it, it must come as a free-will offering and not through any effort on his part.

The ward meetings were held on Wednesday night, and more than the usual interest seemed to be taken in the selection of candidates for aldermen.

The following is the results of the various meetings:

Ward 1. W. N. Coffee, for alderman; L. C. Stephens, G. M. Boyd, W. A. Walton and R. G. Neck, delegates to city convention; executive committeeman, C. E. Rowton.

Ward 2. Jack Pursley, for alderman; E. W. Elliott and A. G. Phillips, delegates; Julian C. Calhoun, committeeman.

Ward 3. Walter McNally, alderman; H. A. Johnson and W. Lang. Cheeves, delegates; A. A. Gore, committeeman.

Ward 4. Leo Jacobson, alderman; E. Alderman, Geo. B. Everson and J. N. Blackwell, delegates.

Ward 5. Fred T. Merrill, alderman; L. S. Boyle, delegate.

Ward 6. Colored ward.

Ward 7. E. E. Ramsey, alderman; J. M. Pounds and Wm. Cannon, delegates; C. H. Wigg, committeeman.

### At the Baptist Church.

Dr. J. T. Betts of Louisville, Kentucky will preach at The Baptist Church at both morning and evening hours next Sunday.

Dr. Betts is a very forceful and versatile preacher and ranks among the leading ministers of our great Southland. You will enjoy this able and clear expounder of God's word and you are cordially invited to come to both services. Come and bring your friends. Strangers will be welcomed.

### P. QUINTIUS CASON, Pastor.

### Hilburn Is Being Importuned.

During the past week or two a number of letters have come to Hon. S. J. Hilburn of this city urging him to become a candidate for Congress from the Fourth District. Only yesterday Mr. Hilburn replied to one such from Osceola county, the home county of Congressman Sears. To these letters Mr. Hilburn, while feeling grateful, has sent a respectful declination. He will not be a candidate—not this year.

People living in east Florida will not soon forget the wonderful campaign made by Mr. Hilburn four years ago when he ran in the old Second district as a candidate against Frank Clark. That was a somewhat warm campaign, one in which Mr. Hilburn came within but some 250 votes of winning. It was one time when the popular congressman from the Second district was doing some hustling also, and when he never knew where he was at until the votes had been officially declared.

Someday Sam Hilburn will make the race again and when he does he will make a successful race, but it won't be this year of our Lord.

As we write this a telegram reaches this office announcing that Dr. J. N. Forgarty of Key West has announced that he will make the race against Mr. Sears.

### Will Be a Candidate.

W. A. Russell, editor of The Palatka News, will be a candidate for Representative in the Legislature in the June primary. Mr. Russell had not intended to make this race, but circumstances over which he seems to have lost control, on Tuesday evening induced him to change his mind. He is now an announced candidate.

Mr. Russell served in the legislatures of 1907 and 1913, in both of which sessions he was chairman of the committee on State Institutions. During those terms he introduced and secured the passage of important legislation on matters of state-wide interest and value. He secured the passage of every measure he introduced.

It is so common for candidates to make apology for their announcements as candidates by laying the burden upon their friends, that the practice has become a "chestnut." And yet, in this case, it is literally true that Mr. Russell was only induced to make the race this time because of the importunity of citizens of character both in the city and country precincts, whose wishes amount almost to a command.

There is as much need for economy and business acumen in the affairs of the state as there is in county matters. Taxes have been soaring for several years and they still continue to soar. A halt must be made, and it was with the view of helping to secure this halt that Mr. Russell was finally induced to ask the people of Putnam county for their support. It was the earnest representation of these good citizens that he could get results where other good men had failed.

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## GOOD ROADS ADVOCATES IN PALATKA TODAY

Meeting is Preliminary to St. Augustine Good Roads Convention

The Florida State Good Roads Association will meet in Palatka today. This is in the nature of a preliminary meeting to map out a program for the St. Augustine Good Roads Convention which will be held on the 23d and 24th of this month. The State association will also select delegates to attend the Central Florida Association convention, which will be held at Ocala on the 23d.

The association delegates will be entertained at a banquet at the Putnam House at noon, and a number of prominent advocates of good roads will make addresses on the benefits of modern highways.

Palatka is taking an active part in the State good roads movement, because already she is destined to be the hub of the great north and south highways, of the State.

The purpose of this meeting is to help organize public sentiment to back the movement to secure National and State assistance for Florida highways by bringing about a co-ordinate movement for a central bureau under State control.

The Palatka Board of Trade, through its secretary, E. W. Elliott, is very active in the good roads movement. Mr. Elliott has been attending good roads meetings and boosting the cause by his active work and by gathering facts and figures to aid in spreading the good roads propaganda.

He has just had prepared and issued by the Board of Trade a leaflet on "The Value of Good Roads, the Farmers Best Asset," which is very timely, as Putnam county has a good roads election next Friday which will decide whether or not this section of the county is to be put on the main trunk highway from Jacksonville to Tampa.

A good road from Palatka to Rodman, Kenwood and Orange Springs means more than can be imagined for the Palatka territory.

### Hon. Henry S. McKenzie Announces

Hon. Henry S. McKenzie, editor of the Times-Herald, has his announcement in this paper as a candidate for re-election to the State Legislature. Mr. McKenzie has served two terms in the House—at the session of 1911 and again in 1915. During the session of 1912 he served as assistant secretary of the Senate. His experience together with his education stand him in well in the work of legislation, two considerations of value to the people whom he has served and whom he hopes to serve again.

Mr. McKenzie is one of the best, cleanest young men in the State and one whose ability has been recognized both in his profession and in the hall of legislation.



JOHN G. WOOLLEY, LL. D., World-Famed Orator, Lecturer and Journalist. Who will Lecture at Baptist Church, Monday Evening, March 20th.